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NASHVILLE –Tennessee’s April unemployment rate of 4.3 percent, up two-tenths of a percentage point over the month, was released on May 17. County unemployment rates released today showed that 66 county rates were down, 21 county rates were up, and 8 remained unchanged over the month.

Williamson County at 1.8 percent, unchanged over the month, registered the state’s lowest county unemployment rate. Fentress County at 11.8 percent, down from 13.2 percent, reported the state’s highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.2 percent, unchanged over the month, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County reported a 2.6 percent rate, unchanged over the month. Davidson County reported a 2.6 percent rate, down from 2.8 percent in March, while Shelby County reported a 3.4 percent rate, down from 3.6 percent.

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**NOTE:** Information will be available on the Internet; enter **[http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor\\_figures](http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures)**

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